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Ladies and Gentlemen:

Enclosed please find Henkel's press release "Henkel top management more international in 2005".

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Information from Corporate Communications

Ladies and Gentlemen ,

Attached please find the press release "Henkel top management more international in 2005", which we just distributed to the media.

With my very best regards

Ernst Primosch

Press Release

Changes in the Management Board on July 1, 2005 as planned

Henkel top management more international in 2005

Düsseldorf – Klaus **Morwind** and Uwe **Specht**, two long-time personally liable managing partners of Henkel KGaA, will resign from their offices as members of the Management Board in 2005, after reaching the mandatory retirement age of 62.

“The early announcement of this change is in line with the tradition of management continuity and responsibility that has always distinguished Henkel,” says Ulrich Lehner, Chairman of the Management Board of Henkel KGaA. “The choice of the successors demonstrates again that we strengthen the internationalization of our businesses through international management.”

Friedrich **Stara** (55) will succeed Klaus Morwind as Executive Vice President Laundry & Home Care on July 1, 2005. The native Austrian Stara, who has been with Henkel since 1976, held different positions in the Laundry & Home Care business in Austria and Germany. Since 1998, Friedrich Stara has been President of Henkel Central Eastern Europe, responsible for the overall Henkel business in Central and Eastern Europe, which is managed from Vienna, Austria.

Günter **Thumser** (49), member of the Management Board of Henkel CEE and responsible for the Laundry & Home Care business there, will become Stara's successor.

Klaus Morwind, with Henkel for almost 36 years and a member of the Management Board since 1991, has fostered the internationalization of the Laundry & Home Care business as well as the establishment of new and the strengthening of well-established Henkel brands. As a committed brand marketer, Morwind is also a proponent of the differentiated approach to marketing and well-devised partnership strategies with the trade.

Hans **Van Bylen** (43) will succeed Uwe Specht as Executive Vice President Cosmetics/Toiletries on July 1, 2005. The native Belgian Van Bylen has been with Henkel in various international positions since 1984. Following assignments in the Laundry & Home Care business sector, he joined Cosmetics/Toiletries in 1991. In his current function, Van Bylen is responsible for Henkel's international Hair Care and the overseas cosmetics business.

Uwe Specht, who has been with Henkel for 36 years, 20 of which as Executive VP Cosmetics/Toiletries, has developed Henkel Cosmetics into a strongly competitive inter-national supplier – not least through the successful integration of the Schwarzkopf acquisition.

The Henkel Management Board, led by Chairman Ulrich Lehner, currently consists of Klaus Morwind; Uwe Specht; Jochen Krautter, Executive VP Henkel Technologies; Alois Linder, Executive VP Consumer and Craftsmen Adhesives; Lothar Steinebach, Executive VP Finance; Knut Weinke, Executive VP Human Resources, Logistics and Information Technology.

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